2. In off-shore works turnkey contracts, ONGC is not directly procuring solar photovoltaic system, since the contracts are awarded on ICB tenders/on nomination basis and on lump-sum turnkey basis. The successful bidder chooses the vendor for Solar Photovoltaic System from ONGC suggested vendor list provided in the bid package. Suggested Vendor list is prepared by ONGC/Technical consultant (EIL/in house consultant) taking into consideration the track record and performance etc. If the contractor has to select a vendor other than ONGC approved vendor, he is required to submit pre-qualification documents of the proposed vendor with details of product specifications, vendor capabilities and offshore track record etc. The pre- qualification documents are reviewed by ONGC/ Technical consultant (EIL/in house consultant) for acceptance or rejection.

3. The following broad criteria are being followed for preparing the Vendor's list:—

(a) Suppliers/vendors must have supplied similar systems for use in the offshore oil industry.

(b) The proposed system shall have been in continuous satisfactory service on offshore for a minimum period of 2 years.

(c) They should carry current certification by approved agencies for their equipment.

(d) The equipment shall have been type tested by a certifying agency.

Adventure tourism in A.P.

5082. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether adventure tourism has been introduced in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in the negative whether Government propose to introduce adventure tourism in the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following Adventure Tourism activities have been introduced in the State of Andhra Pradesh:

(i) Trekking at Srisailam of Kurnool District and Araku Valley of Visakhapatnam District.

(ii) Wilderness Camps at Srisailam and also at Araku Valley, Water based para-sailing activities are being introduced at Hussainsagar lake, Hyderabad.

(c) and(d) Does not arise.

Reserved vacancies of SC/ST

5083. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any backlog of reserved vacancies for SC and ST in the Ministry of Tourism and Culture;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken to organise a special campus recruitment drives to fill up the reserved vacancies at an early date?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.

Expenditure on excavations by archaeological Survey of India

5084. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several Excavations undertaken by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) over the years have not led to the production of a final report;

(b) if so, the list of such excavation works alongwith time when the each excavation was undertaken and the amount spent on each excavation so far; and

(c) the reasons for delay in production of final report in each case?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and would be placed on the Table of the House.